



General Assembly

January Session, 2015

***Raised Bill No. 6715***

LCO No. 3214



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT REQUIRING CONNECTICUT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE  
AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT REGARDING  
DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Not later than January 1,  
2       2016, the Office of Higher Education shall enter into a multistate or  
3       regional reciprocity agreement for purposes of enabling the state and  
4       Connecticut institutions of higher education to participate in a nation-  
5       wide state authorization reciprocity agreement (1) establishing  
6       uniform standards for distance learning programs across states, and (2)  
7       eliminating the need for a state participating in such nation-wide state  
8       authorization reciprocity agreement to assess the quality of a distance  
9       learning program offered by an out-of-state institution of higher  
10      education through such participating state's authorization, licensing  
11      and accreditation process.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following  
sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require participation in the nation-wide state authorization reciprocity agreement.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*